



Parish Pastoral Council

March 2013 PPC Meeting Minutes for Review/Comments

Our Parish Pastoral Council met on March 11th, 2013 at 7:00pm, in the Parish Center. Present were: Fr. Barry Moriarty, Dave Wisneski, Tom Micinski, Mark Matejka, Justin Peters and Bert Olson.

Father Barry provided our opening prayer, paying close attention to the College of Cardinals during Conclave; Father Barry also mentioned that he spoke with Father Frank over the weekend about his experience at the Vatican during this important time of change.

Ashes at the El (Recap): The group discussed this year's Ashes at the El campaign; overall we felt this was a successful year, even though it seemed the number of ashes distributed to passersby, was down compared to last year. Dave Wisneski questioned if this were a ministry we should continue in the years to come; the group seemed to think it's a positive way for St. T's to gain recognition throughout neighborhood. Similarly, the group explored ways to generate excitement for next year, in an effort improve the overall experience.

Building Committee: Rich Spralding of The Styer Group has created various positions for future volunteers; these positions, Leadership Recruitment and Major Gift Giving Committee, will serve as both information providers and ultimately ask for donations from the parishioners. A case booklet was created, which includes visuals and wording for the parishioners; these deliverable will enhance the overall communication aspect and serve as a springboard when fundraising begins. Similarly, the prayer created, read during 'Prayers of the Faithful', has brought a sense of unity to the parish at large. Many are in favor of reaching the 125th anniversary of the parish, as well as St. Teresa's 500th birth year.

Finance: Justin Peters offered an update, stating financial graphs will no longer be provided in the weekly bulletin. Although the parish is not far from reaching its monthly breakeven point, the need to increase donations still exists. The group discussed possible solutions from automated giving to iPad kiosks located in the back of the church. Mark Matejka mentioned having forms at the end of each pew, similar to the Annual Catholic Appeal, so individuals could enroll in automated giving.

Summer Event: The proposed Summer Event was discussed at length; it was decided that the inaugural event, should be a small, parish focused event, rather than a large neighborhood encompassing fundraiser. All in attendance agreed that a summer picnic would be extremely easy and provide an opportunity to fun and fellowship. Rebecca will soon provide updates in the weeks ahead.

Miscellaneous: Dave Wisneski provided an update on the Oscar Mayer Walk-a-thon, which takes place on May 10th; Dave is awaiting approval from Father Frank regarding St. Teresa's participation. The group discussed possible new members to join the PPC as three members, Dave Wisneski, Mark Matejka and Tony Rivera will step down in June 2013, as they have fulfilled their 3 year commitment to this ministry.

Next Meeting - April, 8th at 7:00pm